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Substitute Specification

CHRYSANTHEMUM PLANT NAMED '95-157-6'

Genus/species

Dendranthemum × hybrida

Cultivar designation '95-157-6'

Background of the Invention

The present invention comprises a new and distinctive chrysanthemum plant, hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name '95-157-6'. This new cultivar was the result of a cross in 1989 between Dendranthema wevrichii and Dendranthema grandiflora. More specifically, the breeding program, which resulted in the production of the new cultivar was carried out in St. Paul, Minnesota. The breeding program commenced with a female plant of a Dendranthema weyrichii, which is unpatented, having the following characteristics: (a) the plant habit is prostrate and the plant spreads via rhizomes to form a large mat after the first year; (b) the plant dimensions are that the plant has a diameter of about 1.5' and is about 5-6" tall; (c) the plant is hardy in zones 4-9 (Southeast)/Zone 10 (west); (d) the flower of the plant is a single daisy, having light lavender colored ray florets and central disc florets with yellow pollen; (e) the plant has leaves that are dark green in color, with a very shiny leaf surface (glossy), and glabrous leaf margins that are deeply incised; and (f) the plants tends to rosette, needs cold treatment to flower consistently, flowering can be sporadic with gaps in the plant architecture and the plant is an obligate short-day plant. The male plant used to initiate the breeding program was a Dendranthema grandiflora, which is unpatented, having the following characteristics: (a) the plant habit is cushion; (b) the plant dimensions are that the plant is similar to other cushion types commercially available, such as, but not limited to the variety, 'Shasta' (U.S. Plant Patent No. 9,314); (c) the plant is hardy in zones 6-9 (Southeast)/Zone 10 (west); (d) the flower is a single or duplex daisy, possibly orange or bronze ray florets, central disc florets with yellow pollen; (e) the plant has leaves that are similar to other cushion series of chrysanthemums; and (f) the plant is a facultative short-day plant. The resulting seeds, identified as '90-287-194' were collected. In 1991, a plant of '90-287-194' which is unpatented, was crossed as the male parent with plants